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SYSTEM AND PROGRAM FOR COPYING OF DATA IN STORAGE UNIT

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

- 1. EMC², "http://www.emc2.co.jp/local/ja/JP/products/product_pdfs/srdf/srdf.pdf".
- Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-305856, published November 2,
 2000.
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 57-138237, published August 26, 1982.

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4. S. Tomita et al., "Computer Architecture, Quantitative Approach of Designing,

Implementation and Evaluation", (February 1994), pp. 442-443.

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